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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

Deputy Director for Plans

Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT

: 25th Anniversary of the Agency

(Ed, Tom, Carl):

You will recall that I was asked by the Director to "test the water" on how best to celebrate our 25th anniversary and that I later got in touch with you. Harry Fisher, who as Director of Personnel would have, presumably as he has with other celebrations, the responsibility for putting the package together, met with Jack Coffey and me. All the Deputies seemed to be in agreement that the principal component of the audience should be those employees who are 25-year veterans and it seems pretty well agreed that the principal speaker should be the Director. There is some feeling that perhaps we should try to "make a little hay" by inviting some others. For example, senior members of our Committees, the PFIAB, or perhaps even President Truman. Just thoughts, of course, but the point is we would like to involve the entire Agency in drafting a program and I, therefore, ask that, if you agree, you name a senior "old hand" with whom Harry could deal on your behalf.

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Robert S. Wattles Assistant Deputy Director for Support

cc: Director of Personnel

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MR. WATTLES to arrange a meeting with JWC and Mr. Fisher

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: 25th Anniversary of the Agency

- Having raised the matter of how best to celebrate our 25th Anniversary with the Director informally, I have since discussed it with Messrs. Karamessines, Proctor, and Duckett. All are in agreement that the principal component of the audience should be those employees who are 25-year veterans, i.e., charter members. Likewise, it seems pretty well agreed that the principal speaker should indeed be the Director himself. Mr. Karamessines, in my opinion, gave the most thoughtful consideration to the question, and he suggests the balance of the audience be young people in the Agency, for indeed the theme should be that of our passing on to them both the responsibility and the spirit of this Agency. We might well have some senior alumni or friends in the audience, e.g., the two Deputies who have served under Mr. Helms - General Cushman and Admiral Taylor - and perhaps Admiral Anderson, Chairman of PFIAB. Tom goes on to suggest that the Director invite a few newsmen - Kraft?, Alsop? — with the purpose that in speaking to the live audience he in fact speak to the American people about the world which necessitated a CIA and the world in which we live in 1972 and to which the Agency of now and tomorrow must respond. In the process, of course, he could on our collected behalf review with some self-satisfaction our contributions to what passes for peace these days.
- 2. In the course of informal conversation with friends at lunch, the idea was surfaced that it might be a good idea to provide to the Director of Personnel the assistance of a small committee of 25-year veterans - men of feeling and wisdom - to develop the theme and perhaps at least an outline for the Director's address.

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Robert S. Wattles Assistant Deputy Director for Support

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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John W. Coffey
Deputy Director
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(signed) John W. Coffey

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT

: 1972 Annual Awards Ceremony

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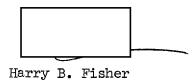
This is in the form of a "trial balloon" and to get your reaction.

As you know, next year's Annual Awards Ceremony (18 September 1972) will be our 25th anniversary. We thought that we might start planning for something special to commemorate this "silver anniversary."

One thought we have had is the possibility of inviting President Nixon to be the principal speaker. In addition, it might also be appropriate to invite high Government officials who are associated in some way with our activities.

In the event that you believe such a plan has merit, we should move forward to query the President as it will no doubt be difficult to get him to set aside that much time on his already busy calendar.

If you wish to discuss further before approaching the Director, please let me know.



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